# THE LIVING GRACE NEWSLETTER

Issue 13 November 2024

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Thank you

Pastor Carl and I would like to thank our church for all the love and prayers during Carl's surgery and recovery. A special thank you for everyone who stepped up and kept the church functioning while Pastor Carl was recuperating. We are so proud (well pleased) to call Living Grace our home. We consider all of you a part of our family!

Thank you again and blessings to all Love,
Pastor Carl & Sherri



### **Fairless Food Cupboard**

The Fairless Food Cupboard is always taking donations of any nonperishable items, but for the month of November we are focusing on sugar and bars of soap, as well as any nonperishable food items.

# **Operation Christmas Child**

We are collecting items each month for Operation Christmas Child. For the month of November, we are asking for prayers, prayers and more prayers. Thank you!!

# **An Hour of Prayer**

The prayer group meets on Thursday at 10:00am. Together, we share scriptures, devotions, joys, concerns, and experiences. We laugh, cry and sometimes even sing together! More important, as we pray, we are growing in a closer relationship with God and as a family in the body of Christ. Please join us, and experience God's grace together. We hope you are able to join us!!!!

### **Communion Schedule**

Below is the Communion Steward Schedule for 2024.

11/24=Russ & Arbie Mathias

12/24=TaJuana West

12/29=Ashley Lynch

(Please contact Toni Derus if you need to reschedule

# The Widow's Ministry

The Widow's Ministry is in the start up phase of serving so if you or anyone you know is in need of any kind of help please contact Tim Mihal or the church office. This could be anything as simple as grocery pick up, raking leaves, seasonal decorating to the big things like housework, laundry, home projects or repairs. Please let us know if we can be of service to anyone.

### Recognition

We will be recognizing All Saints day on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Veterans Day on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

# Charge conference

Our church charge conference is going to be on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Please plan on attending if you are the head or lead of any committee at the church.

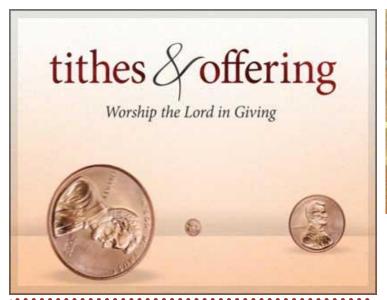
# **Upcoming Church Events**

- November 2nd = Euchre/Game night 5pm with covered dish
- November 3rd = recognition of All Saints Day during church service
- November 9th = Christmas in Bethlehem parade 6pm with float & lunch & church activities from 11-2 at the church
- November 10th = recognition of Veterans with a video clip during church service
- November 14th = Charge Conference 6pm
- November 17th = Shoe Box Packing immediately after church with lunch
- November 23rd = Community Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner 5pm
- November 30th = Hanging of the Greens 10am
- December 22nd = Kidz Program during Church Service
   & Birthday Party for Jesus immediately after
- December 24th = Christmas Eve Service 8pm with Communion & Candles
- January 11th = take down Greens 10am
- January 11th = Bingo & Chili cookoff with Cinnamon Rolls for dessert (judging for chili only) 5pm
- February 1st = (tentative date) Clue event/fund raiser put on by Youth
- February 8th = Preparing of Super Bowl Subs Fund Raiser for Youth pick up after church service Sunday 9th
- May 10th = packing of rice packets for missions 10am-2pm

Please make sure to check out the calendar on page 6. There is a lot of good events coming up this month!!!!!

# **Living Grace Sports Fellowship**

We are starting a sports fellowship! The goal is to foster connections & build relationships by periodically playing a variety of sports in an environment that is welcoming to people of all ages and skills. Initially, we are thinking of the following sports: flag football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, golf, and more to come. Join us whenever and for whatever you want! If you are interested, please complete the contact form on our website.



# Stewardship Report...

 Date
 10/6/24
 Date
 10/13/24

 Attendance
 P- 104 OL- 29
 Attendance
 P- 87 OL - 25

 Offering
 \$3,924.65
 Offering
 \$3,562.50

 Date
 10/20/24
 Date
 10/27/24

 Attendance
 P- 83 OL- 20
 Attendance
 P - 117 OL- 53

 Offering
 \$3,747.65
 Offering
 \$4,030.50

Total Operating Expenses: \$ 209,560.00 Finances Needed Per Week: \$ 4,352.45

Special thanks to Cadyn & Jenna McKelvey who do our church sign out front. Jen Troyer & Nicole Denney who do all the bulletin boards in the church. You all do a WONDERFUL JOB!!

Weekly Sermons can be accessed on our Facebook page as well as the church YouTube channel.



# Those Serving our church in November.....

# November Media Technicians

11/3 Tyler L. 11/10 Jason Everhart 11/17 David Denney 11/24 Tyler L.

# November Door Watch

11/3 Persephone L. 11/10 Tyler L. 11/17 Ray George 11/24 Morris Chaney

# November Scripture Reader

11/3 Sharon Leib 11/10 Russ Mathias 11/17 Gabe Kukuk 11/24 Phil Glasgow

# November Kidz Church Helpers

11/3 Trudy Kukuk 11/10 Mariah Ricker 11/17 Jenna McKelvey 11/24 Erin Hostetler

# November Sunday School Teachers

K – 2: Cadyn & Sarah 5 – 8: Tim Mihal Adult class: Pastor Carl Sarah 3 – 4: Linda B & Naomi P High School: Sherri Kandel Nursery: N/A

November Greeter – Don & Sherry Hamner

November Ushers -Matt Miller, Hunter

Miller, Todd Schneider (alt. Rosi Jones)

November Card Ministry - Sherry Hamner

November Communion Stewards – Russ & Arbie Mathias

# missions

# our backyard and beyond



October's Mission offering went to the West Allegheny Conference of the Global Methodist Church to be used for Hurricane Helene disaster relief. The offering and match by the mission committee enabled us to send \$2300. The funds will be given to local churches in the affected areas and used as necessary. Continue to keep those in the disaster areas in your prayers.

November's offering will be going to the Fairless Food Cupboard Toy Drive, Decembers to Operation Christmas Child for shipping the gift boxes and January's to Compassion International for the children we have "adopted".

For the Fairless Food Cupboard, we are suggesting donations of sugar and bars of soap. Any nonperishable food items, cleaning supplies, tissues, toilet paper and personal hygiene products are gratefully accepted.

The used Pill Bottle box is near the office entrance, and we accept all clean, inside out, prescription bottles with caps on and all labels removed.

The St Pauly used clothing shed accepts all clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, curtains and stuffed toys. Please place donations in plastic bags to help keep dry. Why donate?

- Reduce waste in landfills
- Enables donations to be used worldwide
- Tax deductible

Please tell your friends and family about our St Pauly Used Clothing Shed!

The Operation Christmas Child packing party will be held on Sunday November 17th right after worship in place of Sunday school. Come and help pack the gift boxes or just watch the joyous event of sharing Christ's love with others. If you took an empty box to fill, please return them at this time.

For November we are asking for monetary donations to help with the \$10 a box shipping fee. The \$10 per shoebox is a suggested donation. This amount is critical to cover project costs involved in collecting, processing, and shipping your shoebox gifts to over 170 countries. It also provides for ministry materials such as The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklet and The Ministry Partner Guide

After the packing party a light lunch will be served. This is a great opportunity to help a child overseas to experience the joys of Christmas and to learn about their loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

# GROUP 4

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Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

# LIVING GRACE YOUTH MINISTRY

# livinggracecc.org/youth | youth@livinggracecc.org

We have some fun activities and service opportunities coming up in the month of November and December. Be sure to stay updated with all our resources (website, GroupMe, Bulletin Board, Youth white board)

For our Youth Night on Saturday November 16th, we will be going to an Escape Room in Berlin, food to be provided. We will leave the church at 3pm and return to eat and assemble Operation Christmas Child boxes. Parent pickup will be at 8pm. You must RSVP & sign waiver for this youth night so we can plan accordingly, select the following links:

RSVP: Youth Night - Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Waiver for Escape Room

# **News & Important Reminders:**

- We are having a Game Night on Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm.
- Service Opportunities: Sat. 11/9 @6pm Christmas in Bethlehem | Sat. 11/23 @4pm Thanksgiving Dinner | Sat. 11/30 @10am Hanging of the Greens
- The 2024/2025 Health & Permission form is now available. To access, select the following link: Health & Permission
- There is a meal signup sheet if you are interested in supporting us by providing food for our activities. The signup sheet can be accessed by clicking the following link: Meal Signup (or you can talk to Gabe)
- Group 412 is now grades 6-12.

# **Teaching Series Overview:**

**TITLE**: The Hills

**SERIES BOTTOM LINE**: This series encourages youth to understand what it means for them to be the light of the world.

**SESSION 1**: God created you to shine.

**SESSION 2**: God's light in you brings order to chaos.

**SESSION 3**: God's light in you brings light to others.

# For our Youth Night on Saturday November 16th, we will be going to an Escape Room in Berlin, food provided (more details to come). You must RSVP (available on website) for this youth night so we can plan accordingly We are having a movie night on Friday December 27th from 6-8:30pm. Join us for a Christmas movie and snacks.

# **GROUP412 SNAPSHOT**

# **NOVEMBER**

- Sun. (11/3), 6-7pm: Bible Study
- Sat. (11/9), 6pm: (Church Event: Christmas in Bethlehem)
- Sat. (11/16), 3-8pm: Youth Night Escape Room •
- Sun. (11/17), 6-7pm: Bible Study
- Fri. (11/22), 5:30-8:30pm: Game Night (with Food)
- Sat. (11/23), TBD: (Church Event: Thanksgiving Dinner)

# **DECEMBER**

- Sun. (12/1), 6-7pm: Bible Study
- Sat. (12/14), 5:30-8:30pm: Youth Night Offsite
- Fri. (12/27), 6-8:30pm: Movie Night



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Men's Breakfast 8am
					B – Tim Weyandt	Euchre Night 5pm A – Mark &
3 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 30/40 group 5pm Youth Bible Study	4	5	6 *Self Defense Class 5pm *Bell Practice 6:45pm	7 Prayer Group 10am	8	Toni Derus 9 Christmas in Bethlehem
6-7pm All Saints Day B – Hope Hayden		B – Amelia Denney			B – Ruth Hayden	B – Jeff Bednar
10 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Veterans Day	11	12 Christian Ed Meeting 6pm Trustee Meeting 6:30pm	*Self Defense Class 5pm *Bell Practice 6:45pm	14 Prayer Group 10am Charge Conference 6pm	15	16 Youth Group Escape Room
17 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Youth Bible Study 6-7pm OCC packing party  B – Craig Wuske	18	19	*Self Defense Class 5pm *Bell Practice 6:45pm	21 Prayer Group 10am	Youth Group Game Night  B – Mike Huntsman, Laura Hughes	23 Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner
24 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00	A – Ray & Jon George B – Samantha	26 B – Sue	27 *Self Defense Class 5pm *Bell Practice 6:45pm	28 Prayer Group 10am Nydegger – Millers Smith Hall – Dorkoffs  B – Sherry Hamner, Angie	29	Hanging of the greens 10am.
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# In the Light Stories of faith from the people of Living Grace



H-O-M-E. I purchased these four wooden letters when my motherin-law moved in with Russ and me. I wanted her to feel welcome. It's a simple little word with connotations of warmth, sweet memories and family love. To me however, "home" is where I currently store and arrange my stuff, which includes those four little wooden letters "home". I have moved over 50 times; I'm a missionary kid and x-military wife, both required a lot of moving. I've had the privilege to have lived in India and Japan and much of this country, so it's not been all bad looking back on it. To this day, I have several homes. Russ is my

home; warm, full of love, great memories of family, touring America, living for God together. Russ is my safe place. Living Grace Christian Church is also my home. What a wonderful family I have here. Nothing fake, sincere loving, faith-full friends, and a Pastor so full of God that it leaks all over our congregation and community. And of course, God is my home. He has rescued a lost, rejected person, full of rage and resentment and invited me into His home where there is unfailing love, overwhelming provision, blessings beyond belief and undeserved forgiveness. And now I am promised an everlasting home! With Him! No more packing and unpacking, no more feeling like an outsider, no more struggles! At last, a FOREVER HOME!!!

Arbie Mathias



# Living Grace Christian Church Invites You To:

# Our Annual Senior Citizen Community Thanksgiving Dinner

When: Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

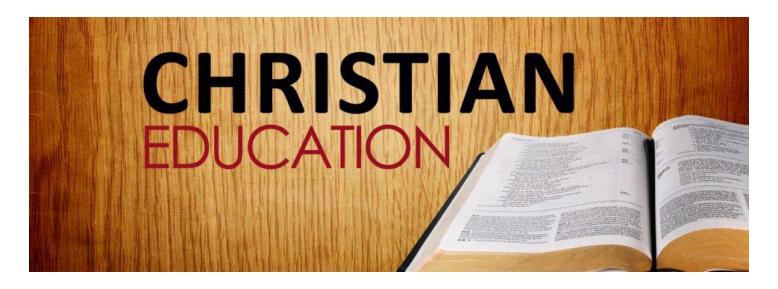
Where: Living Grace Christian Church, 121 Basin St. Navarre, OH 44662

As always we will be providing a delicious home-cooked Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings and after dinner entertainment.

You must R.S.V.P. to 330-879-2340 or <u>ltvtnggracecc@yahoo.com</u> by Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Come and join us for a wonderful evening!!!

We look forward to seeing you there!!!!!



# **November Christian Education Updates**

Sunday School is going wonderfully. We have the best group of teachers and the kids are loving what they are learning about Jesus through lessons and cool crafts! The adult study is still going strong with 24+ people in attendance each sunday. Please join us if you haven't, yet! Please don't let the adult study being too crowded turn you away from coming. If/when we have too many people, we can move the study to Nydegger Hall where we will have more than enough room. So please join us, we would love to have you!

**KIDZ Church** is going to have a busy couple months! The kidz will be helping with thanking our Veterans on November 10th during our church service. Then we will start practicing for our Christmas Program right away. Our Christmas Program this year is called "Journey to Bethlehem" and the kidz cannot wait to put on their program for our church! Most of the practices will happen in Kidz Church during our church service, but there will be 2 dress rehearsals on Sunday, December 8th and Sunday, December 15th. These dress rehearsals will be from 10:45-11:45 after our church service (during Sunday School.) So mark your calendars for DECEMBER 22nd to see the Kidz Christmas Program "Journey to Bethlehem."

**NEWS for our 6-8th graders** & their parents: We are going to have something special for our middle schoolers once a month during our church service. We are calling this group Core6-8. We plan on having this the *first Sunday* of each month. It will be a time where we can focus specifically on them and have small group fellowship with them. Our small group talks/discussion will be led through the Core52 Study, the Youth version. Gabe is taking over the first couple small group dates. This Sunday, November 3rd will be our first one. The middle schoolers can meet in the back of the sanctuary, after the hymn and before the scripture reading. Please have them bring their Core52 book! If there are any questions about this, please see Gabe & Trudy Kukuk or Mariah Ricker.

### JOY CLUB UPDATE

We are having a Christian Education Committee Meeting on November 12th at 6pm. We will be focusing on JOY Club and what it will look like this year. We have a lot planned, but many details will be finalized at this meeting. The meeting is open for anyone to join, so please join us if you are interested in hearing about JOY Club this coming January. I will be announcing in church everything we figure out at the meeting to keep everyone in the loop with the details. Thank you all!

-Mariah Ricker Christian Ed. Director

### **Mission Statement**

"Make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly."

To Witness To Disciple

everyday life

To Worship To Serve

He loves

Pastor - Rev. Carl Kandel
Secretary - Ashley Lynch
Youth Director - Gabe Kukuk
Youth Assistant - Trudy Kukuk
Pianist & Choir Director - Cory Janson
Christian Education Director - Mariah Ricker
Custodian - Seth Lackey

You can find us on Facebook and YouTube! Church Website: www.livinggracecc.org

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